

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Digital Data Committee

Meeting of September 16, 2021

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Warren Kron (LMA) called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM. A quorum was present for the meeting which was held virtually via Zoom.

2. Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Kathrine Cargo – Louisiana Chapter Emergency Numbering Association (NENA)
David Gisclair – Louisiana Senate (Senate)
Warren Kron – Louisiana Municipal Association (LMA)
Darryl Mack – Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)
Josh Manning – Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts (PDD)

Others Present:

Phillip Breaux – LSU Center for Analytics & Research in Transportation Safety (CARTS)
Emily Dale – Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT)
Louis Hebert – Pointe Coupee Parish Assessor (PCPA)
Brennan Marque – Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning and Development Commission (IMCAL)
John Sheehan – Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ)

3. Meeting Summary

Mr. Kron (LMA) asked members to review the minutes from the August 19, 2021 meeting. On a motion by David Gisclair (Senate) with a second by Kathrine Cargo (NENA) the August minutes were unanimously approved.

Following approval of the minutes, Mr. Kron (LMA) shared the updates that had been completed on the LGISC website and Wiki site. These updates including the following:

- Added subitems under the LSDI menu to access the PDF version of the LSDI, jump to the LSDI Wiki site, and a link to a proclamation regarding the LouisianaMAP Program
- Moved the Digital Data Committee agendas out of the LGISC agendas folder and into the DDC menu and created DDC Agendas and DDC Minutes subitems
- Added a new subitem for Data Standards Committee in the Committees menu

Mr. Gisclair (Senate) provided a brief background about LouisianaMAP that was built by LAGIC around 2004 and hosted by the Division of Administration. When LAGIC was disbanded, so was LouisianaMAP. John Sheehan (LDEQ) noted that Andy Venuto at GOHSEP was the last person to work on LouisianaMAP. Mr. Sheehan (LDEQ) will contact Mr. Venuto to find out more about LouisianaMAP.

Next, Mr. Kron (LMA) noted that there are many LGISC meeting minute documents that are missing from the website and would compile a list of those to send to the membership. Anyone with copies of the missing minutes should send those to Mr. Kron.

Phillip Breaux (CARTS) shared the refurbished LSDI Framework graphic with the committee. Mr. Breaux (CARTS) modified the original graphic to separate Land Use and Land Cover. Mr. Gisclair (Senate) commented that for consistency, it would be better to sort the framework layers in the same order as they are presented in the LSDI document.

For the remainder of the meeting, the focus was on the Parcels (1.6.3) feature class within the LSDI Cadastral (1.6) framework. Mr. Kron (LMA) shared the updated spreadsheet that was originally created by Daryl Mack (DOTD). Updates were made to make field lengths, domains, and priorities consistent with the previously approved address point schema. Also, the data description for each field was edited for clarity. Committee members agreed with the updates.

Mr. Mack (DOTD) sent committee members a draft copy of a letter that he is developing and will send to local government officials across the entire state. Ms. Cargo (NENA) commented that that letter was well written but perhaps a bit technical. Louis Hebert (PCPA) noted that Assessors are typically “guarded” with sharing parcel data, and agreed with Ms. Cargo about keeping the letter simple. Mr. Kron (LMA), Mr. Gisclair (Senate), and Mr. Breaux (CARTS) also participated in the discussion. Several of the points made during the discussion included:

- DOTD is trying to build a statewide GIS Open Data Portal for the public.
- Parcel data is used in map products as a reference layer, for determining right-of-way, and most importantly during the recovery phase of emergency management.
- The addendum containing information about the requested feature classes should be reworked.

There was a brief conversation initiated by Mr. Breaux (CARTS) about building footprints. Also, Mr. Kron (LMA) recommended removing Tax Ward Boundaries and Neighborhood Boundaries from the list of requested data, because neither included in the LSDI. There was a consensus among those in the discussion to include the following feature classes in the letter addendum:

- Roads
- Address Points
- Parcels
- Subdivisions
- Lots
- Building Footprints
- Voting Precincts
- Ortho-imagery
- Parish Boundaries
- Municipal Boundaries

4. Action Items

Mr. Mack (DOTD) and Ms. Cargo (NENA) will work together to further develop the letter to send to local government officials, and will send the next draft to the committee for review. Mr. Breaux (CARTS) will modify the LSDI Framework graphic. Also, Mr. Kron (LMA) will send a list of missing LGISC meeting minutes to the membership.

5. Next Meeting

Scheduled for Noon on Thursday, October 21, 2021 and the location will be determined later.

6. Adjourn

The meeting ended at 12:58 PM after the committee voted unanimously on a motion made by Ms. Cargo (NENA) and seconded by Mr. Gisclair (Senate).